

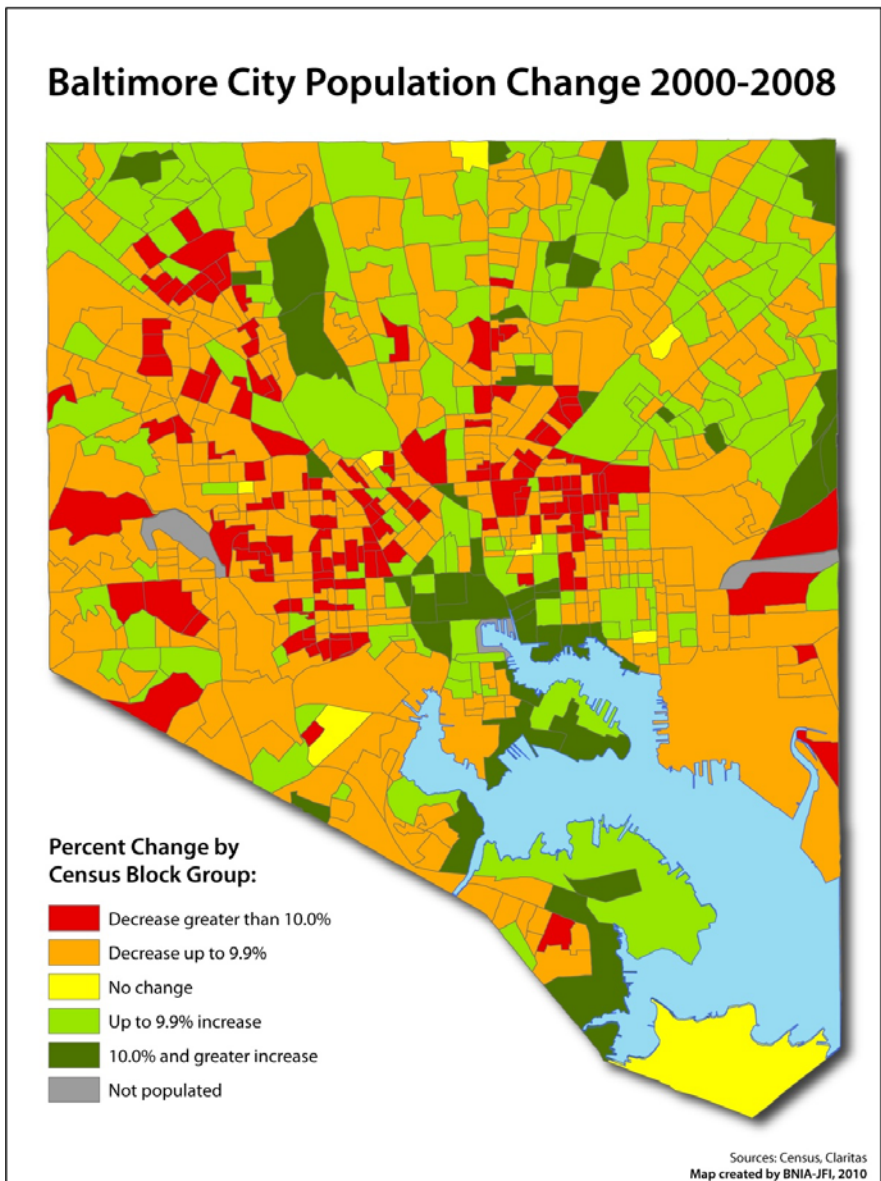
# Vital Signs



In *Vital Signs 8*, BNIA-JFI provides data for nearly 80 indicators. In an effort to show how Baltimore City has changed since the first edition of *Vital Signs* in 2002, BNIA-JFI examined several indicators at both the CSA and City level. Highlights of these long-term changes include:

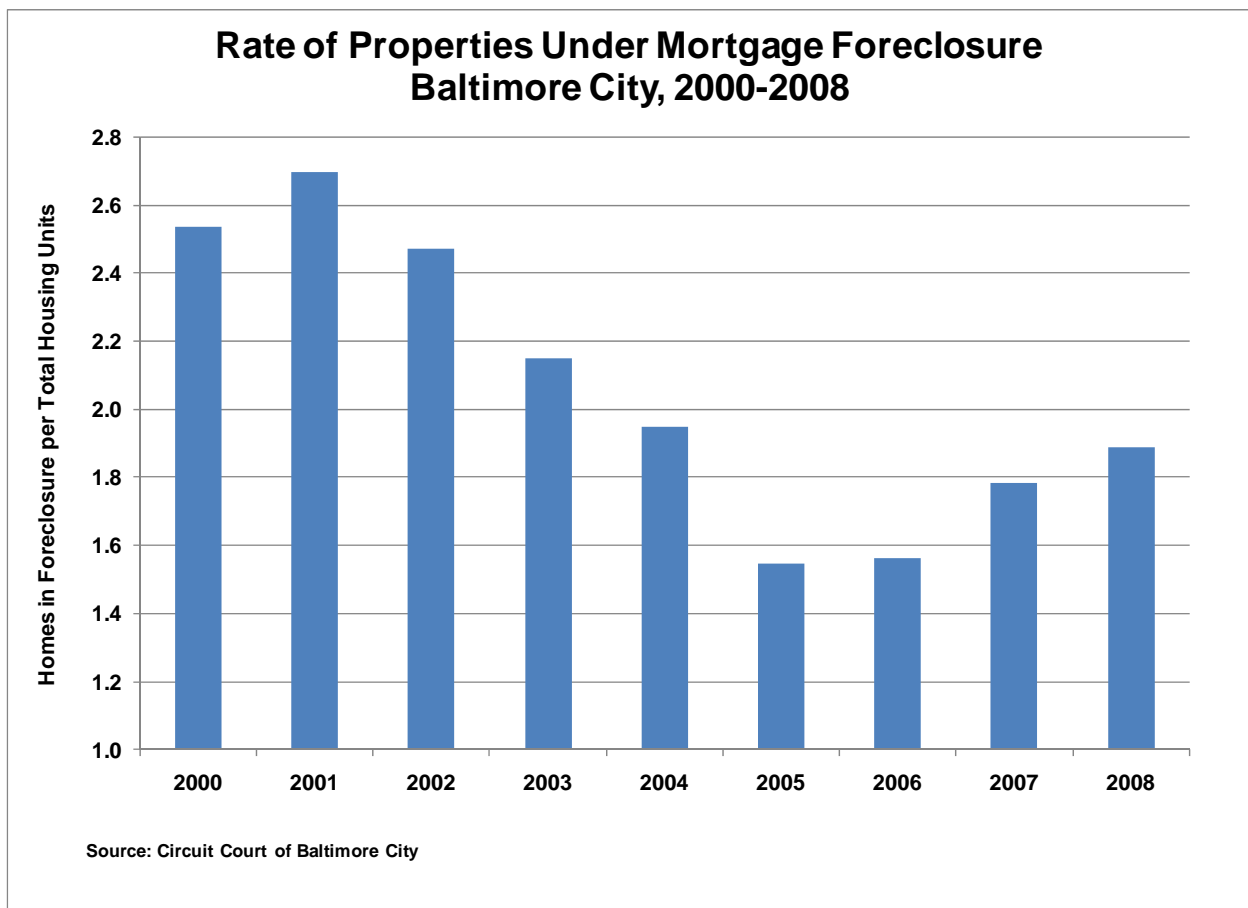
## Population

- *Baltimore City's population declined by 3.0% from 651,154 in 2000 to 631,815 in 2008.* While CSAs such as Greenmount East (-16.5%), Perkins/Middle East (-15.8%), and Dorchester/Ashburton (-11.9%) lost residents, other CSAs such as Downtown/Seton Hill (22.0%), Northwood (9.9%), and Loch Raven (8.4%) experienced population growth.



## Housing and Community Development

- *The median sales prices of homes in Baltimore City, a measure of the value of a home, increased by 138.5% from \$65,000 in 2000 to \$155,000 in 2008. Of the 55 CSAs, only one (Perkins/Middle East) experienced a decline in the median sales price of homes.*
- *The percentage of residential properties in Baltimore City that have undergone rehabilitation investment has increased by 3.5% from 1.2% in 2001 to 4.7% in 2008. The CSAs that have experienced the greatest increases in the percentage of homes undergoing rehabilitation were Downtown/Seton Hill (53.3%), Perkins/Middle East (15.6%), and Dickeyville/Franklinton (12.9%).*
- *The rate of properties in foreclosure in Baltimore City decreased from 2.5% in 2000 to 1.9% in 2008. In 2008, there were 3,909 homes in foreclosure in Baltimore City.*



## Education and Youth

- *Baltimore City's public high school completion rate from the 2004 to 2008 school year increased by 1.4% from 81.4% in 2004 to 82.8% in 2008. Performance at the neighborhood level was mixed however, several CSAs experienced increases in the completion rate, such as Canton (37.5%) and Morrell Park/Violetville (20.9%), other*

CSAs, such as Westport/Mt. Winans/Lakeland (-22.0%) and Southeastern (-19.9%), experienced significant decreases in the completion rate.

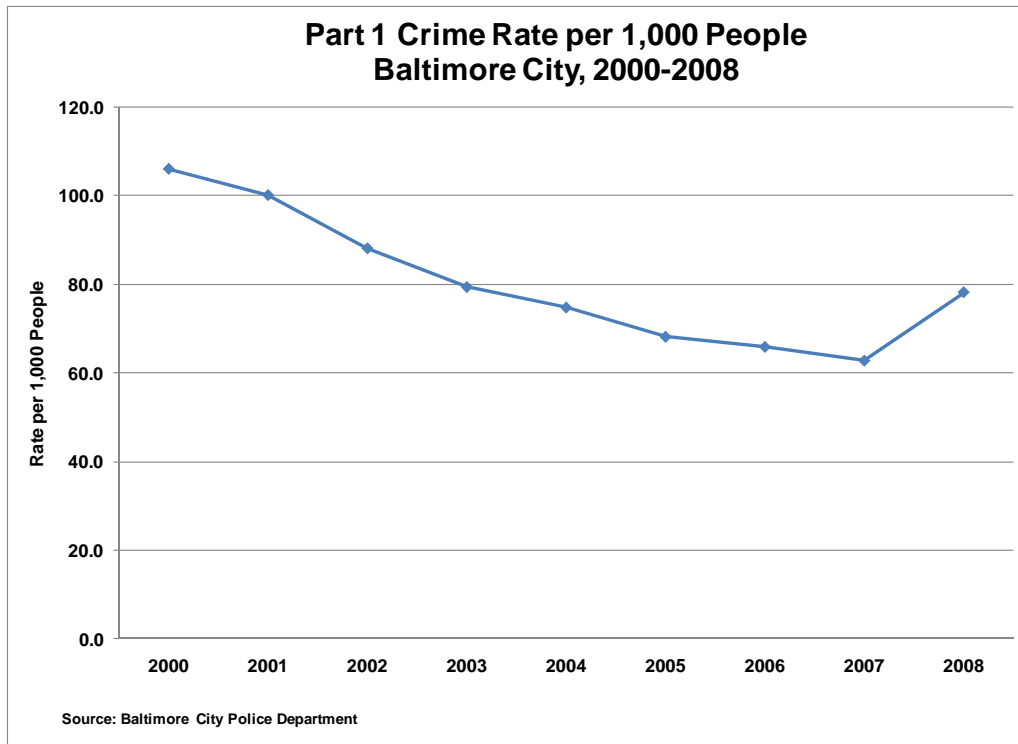
- *From the 2004 to 2008 school year, Baltimore City's dropout rate decreased by almost 4 percentage points from 11.7% in 2004 to 7.8% in 2008. The dropout rate decreased in 87% of the City's CSAs (48 of 55).*
- *The percentage of elementary and middle school children who were chronically absent (missing more than 20 school days) decreased by 8.0%. The percentage of chronically absent elementary school children decreased from 15.0% in 2004 to 11.0% in 2008 and the percentage of chronically absent middle school children decreased from 37.6% in 2004 to 24.1% in 2008.*

### Children and Family Health and Well-being

- *Baltimore City's teen birth rate declined from 83.3 teens that gave birth per 1,000 teens in 2000 to 66.1 teens that gave birth per 1,000 teens in 2008.*

### Crime and Safety

- *Baltimore City's Part 1 crime rate<sup>1</sup> declined from 106.0 incidents per 1,000 persons in 2000 to 78.3 incidents per 1,000 persons in 2008. The crime rate declined by over 100 crimes per 1,000 persons in the Downtown/Seton Hill (-380.7) and Midtown (-105.3) CSAs.*



<sup>1</sup> Part I offenses include murder, aggravated assault, rape, attempted rape, burglary, larceny, and auto theft.

- *Baltimore City's violent crime rate declined from 26.2 incidents per 1,000 persons in 2000 to 16.3 incidents per 1,000 persons in 2008. The violent crime rate declined in 50 out of 55 CSAs.*
- *The juvenile arrest rate in Baltimore City declined from 127.5 arrests per 1,000 youths in 2000 to 108.8 arrests per 1,000 youths in 2008. The greatest decreases in the rates of juvenile arrests occurred in the Southeastern and Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington CSAs.*

#### Neighborhood Action and Sense of Community

- *The percentage of persons voting in the general election increased from 35.7% in 2000 to 50.7% in 2008. In every CSA in Baltimore City, the percentage of persons voting in the general election increased from 2000 to 2008.*

**Summary of Changes to Selected Vital Signs Indicators 2000 to 2008**

Community Statistical Area	Population	Housing and Community Development			Education and Youth		
	Change in Population (1)	Median Sales Price	Percent of Residential Properties that Undergo Rehab Investment (2)	Rate of Properties Under Mortgage Foreclosure	High School Dropout Rate (3)	High School Completion Rate (3)	Percent of Chronically Absent Students (3)(4)
Allendale/Irvington/South Hilton	-8.4%	85.6%	1.6%	-1.0%	-0.9%	4.2%	-3.3%
Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	-0.5%	129.9%	1.2%	-0.7%	-0.2%	6.5%	-3.6%
Belair-Edison	-3.3%	82.8%	1.3%	-0.4%	-4.4%	1.6%	-9.0%
Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	-2.4%	89.3%	3.3%	-1.1%	2.6%	-12.0%	-4.6%
Canton	1.0%	160.9%	-0.4%	0.3%	-6.5%	37.5%	-14.5%
Cedonia/Frankford	3.9%	104.4%	1.0%	0.0%	-5.3%	0.9%	-5.0%
Cherry Hill	-0.7%	3.8%	2.4%	-0.2%	-2.2%	4.9%	-6.4%
Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	-9.0%	132.4%	1.6%	-0.9%	-2.3%	-1.8%	-1.0%
Claremont/Armistead	-3.7%	155.5%	7.0%	-0.8%	-9.2%	-9.3%	-3.9%
Clifton-Berea	-8.5%	59.2%	3.7%	-1.9%	-3.8%	-6.4%	-8.9%
Cross-Country/Cheswolde	7.7%	130.9%	2.3%	-0.1%	0.0%	5.7%	-6.2%
Dickeyville/Franklintown	-5.3%	102.6%	12.9%	-1.8%	-5.6%	5.8%	-7.7%
Dorchester/Ashburton	-11.9%	102.8%	1.5%	-0.5%	0.0%	-2.9%	-7.9%
Downtown/Seton Hill	22.0%	300.0%	53.3%	-1.0%	1.6%	-6.7%	-5.1%
Edmonson Village	-7.1%	113.2%	0.4%	-0.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%	-4.9%
Fells Point	-5.6%	195.6%	3.4%	0.2%	0.7%	9.5%	-3.5%
Forest Park/Walbrook	-10.2%	91.3%	2.5%	0.0%	-6.8%	14.5%	-4.1%
Glen-Falstaff	-0.7%	105.8%	1.7%	-0.3%	-1.1%	-3.4%	-10.7%
Greater Charles Village/Barclay	-6.1%	142.5%	8.2%	-0.3%	-5.6%	-6.4%	-9.7%
Greater Govans	-9.7%	119.7%	2.3%	-0.4%	-4.2%	4.1%	-5.4%
Greater Mondawmin	-7.9%	64.7%	5.4%	-1.3%	-2.4%	0.4%	-1.4%
Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	3.0%	105.9%	4.6%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	-1.1%
Greater Rosemont	-7.7%	67.0%	2.6%	-0.5%	-2.0%	10.1%	-3.0%
Greenmount East	-16.5%	62.5%	4.4%	-1.3%	-5.6%	-3.1%	-9.2%
Hamilton	7.1%	121.8%	1.3%	0.5%	-1.2%	-1.5%	-0.5%
Harford/Echodale	2.8%	121.2%	0.8%	-0.2%	-4.0%	3.6%	-5.0%
Highlandtown	0.3%	245.7%	2.4%	0.4%	0.6%	-19.0%	-14.6%
Howard Park/West Arlington	-3.2%	136.6%	2.5%	0.3%	-5.4%	4.7%	-12.9%
Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	3.5%	114.3%	2.3%	0.5%	1.7%	-4.3%	0.1%
Jonestown/Oldtown	0.7%	529.7%	8.4%	0.3%	-3.0%	-4.0%	-7.0%
Lauraville	1.7%	134.2%	1.2%	0.1%	-3.0%	12.4%	-7.0%
Loch Raven	8.4%	125.9%	0.6%	-0.9%	-2.1%	-0.2%	-3.2%
Madison/East End	-8.2%	33.3%	7.2%	-4.5%	-1.0%	-1.3%	-17.4%
Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	-1.5%	180.2%	3.7%	-0.2%	-3.2%	-6.6%	-11.6%
Midtown	-3.0%	110.5%	9.4%	-0.2%	-0.9%	18.3%	-8.2%
Midway/Coldstream	-11.1%	93.1%	2.4%	-1.1%	-5.2%	-1.7%	-12.1%
Morrell Park/Violetville	-3.8%	129.9%	2.6%	-0.9%	3.8%	20.9%	-7.3%
Mt Washington/Coldspring	7.2%	143.4%	1.8%	-0.3%	-1.1%	-5.6%	-0.9%
North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	-1.9%	41.2%	1.6%	-0.2%	-3.8%	1.4%	-1.3%
Northwood	9.9%	119.9%	0.7%	0.4%	-1.4%	7.2%	-5.0%
Orangeville/East Highlandtown	-4.0%	180.9%	4.2%	-1.4%	-0.4%	2.8%	-10.4%
Patterson Park N&E	-1.5%	251.5%	3.5%	-2.2%	-4.0%	-7.3%	-20.9%
Penn North/Reservoir Hill	-6.7%	204.5%	6.7%	0.3%	-2.8%	2.3%	5.4%
Perkins/Middle East	-15.8%	-3.1%	15.6%	-0.9%	-0.6%	7.4%	-9.0%
Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	-8.4%	52.4%	2.6%	-0.8%	-1.2%	5.5%	-13.8%
Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	-6.3%	177.8%	9.8%	0.4%	-6.4%	-0.2%	-1.2%
Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	-12.8%	41.3%	5.3%	-1.2%	-1.7%	9.4%	-9.3%
South Baltimore	-2.0%	231.0%	4.3%	-0.6%	-7.1%	-4.6%	-1.4%
Southeastern	-6.8%	156.7%	4.9%	-0.5%	-5.2%	-19.9%	-19.0%
Southern Park Heights	-4.4%	75.4%	3.4%	-1.7%	-2.1%	5.2%	-15.5%
Southwest Baltimore	-10.0%	95.3%	5.3%	-1.4%	-3.6%	3.1%	-12.7%
The Waverlies	2.3%	132.6%	2.4%	-1.1%	-6.7%	-1.9%	-7.7%
Upton/Druid Heights	-7.1%	36.4%	8.4%	-0.1%	-3.0%	4.5%	-5.0%
Washington Village/ Pigtown	-5.0%	244.3%	8.0%	-0.4%	-7.0%	2.4%	-11.0%
Westport/Mt Winans/Lakeland	-3.0%	88.5%	4.2%	-2.2%	-2.6%	-22.0%	-11.4%
<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>	<b>138.5%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>-8.0%</b>

(1) Data from 2008 is from Claritas

(2) From 2001 to 2008

(3) From the 2003-2004 school year to the 2007-2008 school year

(4) Includes only public elementary and middle school students

**Summary of Changes to Selected Vital Signs Indicators 2000 to 2008**

Community Statistical Area	Children and Family Health	Crime and Safety			Neighborhood Action and Sense of Community	Workforce and Economic Development
	Teen Birth Rate (5)	Part 1 Crime Rate (6)	Violent Crime Rate (6)	Juvenile Arrest Rate (7)	Percentage of Population that Voted in the General Election	Total Number of Businesses (8)
Allendale/Irvington/South Hilton	-10.3	-4.9	-7.6	10.1	13.8%	288
Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	10.8	-15.5	-4.8	0.0	22.0%	173
Belair-Edison	-9.1	-5.6	-4.0	2.4	22.2%	239
Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	-104.1	13.0	-7.9	11.4	12.4%	663
Canton	16.4	-53.6	-12.7	-28.7	27.8%	396
Cedonia/Frankford	-11.3	6.4	2.7	-3.4	22.3%	414
Cherry Hill	-102.1	10.8	-5.9	30.2	23.5%	175
Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	-5.7	-9.8	-6.5	-61.7	18.0%	129
Claremont/Armistead	-13.3	-20.1	-5.9	-31.8	13.8%	218
Clifton-Berea	-28.6	-22.9	-17.3	65.9	12.6%	185
Cross-Country/Cheswolde	7.8	-18.3	-0.7	31.9	13.2%	201
Dickeyville/Franklintown	-19.2	-3.9	-5.3	-34.6	16.6%	65
Dorchester/Ashburton	4.8	0.8	-1.9	56.0	14.2%	158
Downtown/Seton Hill	-80.0	-380.7	-44.3	981.3	39.7%	5,229
Edmonson Village	-43.1	-18.3	-4.5	-18.6	15.0%	68
Fells Point	-17.9	-79.9	-22.6	-9.8	19.9%	522
Forest Park/Walbrook	-61.0	-12.1	-8.1	-49.2	14.6%	148
Glen-Falstaff	12.9	-38.0	-7.0	-25.2	12.9%	746
Greater Charles Village/Barclay	-10.1	-67.9	-11.0	-56.6	11.4%	1,085
Greater Govans	-33.9	-12.4	-9.6	-81.8	21.6%	150
Greater Mondawmin	-34.0	-15.4	-8.4	33.9	14.0%	230
Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	-8.5	-27.3	-2.4	-9.7	15.3%	418
Greater Rosemont	-22.2	-5.8	-6.6	-1.0	11.5%	340
Greenmount East	-87.5	-40.3	-23.3	-34.5	13.3%	225
Hamilton	36.1	-15.6	-0.1	29.2	19.8%	269
Harford/Echodale	-0.1	12.4	2.9	18.2	16.6%	369
Highlandtown	10.2	-39.7	-16.7	19.3	14.3%	468
Howard Park/West Arlington	4.9	-13.2	-4.3	-13.1	14.3%	189
Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	-14.2	-77.9	-11.2	56.7	20.9%	1,108
Jonestown/Oldtown	-50.9	-26.2	-12.5	73.9	23.0%	674
Lauraville	7.2	1.9	2.9	-6.0	14.9%	230
Loch Raven	-9.3	0.4	-5.4	0.0	23.3%	342
Madison/East End	-35.5	-12.3	-16.5	-29.1	14.2%	219
Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	-31.1	-8.6	-4.9	-91.1	18.0%	1,018
Midtown	-22.6	-105.3	-14.9	-4.2	17.2%	1,345
Midway/Coldstream	-3.7	-29.0	-15.1	-47.0	10.1%	266
Morrell Park/Violetville	-26.9	6.6	0.3	-24.7	11.4%	653
Mt Washington/Coldspring	-8.4	-16.7	-0.2	54.9	16.0%	221
North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	0.8	-22.5	-1.4	-13.0	9.6%	461
Northwood	-3.5	-7.3	0.6	5.2	14.0%	111
Orangeville/East Highlandtown	-2.7	8.2	-9.7	71.2	2.3%	629
Patterson Park N&E	-59.5	-30.2	-29.8	-74.2	15.5%	263
Penn North/Reservoir Hill	-20.6	-11.8	-7.3	-29.5	14.0%	187
Perkins/Middle East	-13.4	-78.5	-28.7	-7.7	7.5%	986
Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	-64.4	-20.2	-13.0	-11.3	13.4%	519
Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	-71.4	-30.8	-13.6	-10.6	20.6%	146
Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	-7.9	-33.3	-19.9	-6.6	16.0%	279
South Baltimore	-41.5	-9.9	-5.6	-10.1	29.8%	242
Southeastern	-71.9	-64.2	-25.1	-99.2	7.3%	472
Southern Park Heights	-46.4	-9.8	-12.4	-28.7	16.9%	197
Southwest Baltimore	-13.5	-35.5	-12.4	23.3	14.1%	528
The Waverlies	-33.3	-32.8	-10.6	-66.6	23.4%	181
Upton/Druid Heights	-68.6	-47.0	-18.0	44.1	19.3%	279
Washington Village/ Pigtown	30.7	-63.5	-13.9	-25.0	20.5%	402
Westport/Mt Winans/Lakeland	5.3	-21.8	-13.2	-62.1	13.9%	270
<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>-27.7</b>	<b>-9.9</b>	<b>-18.7</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>25,988</b>

(5) Per 1,000 females aged 15 to 19

(6) Per 1,000 persons

(7) Per 1,000 persons aged 10 to 17

(8) Data only available for 2008